

FRENCH GAINS NOW EXTEND ALONG A FORTY-MILE FRONT

of Lauffaux we made appreciable progress and took fifty prisoners. We repulsed several counter-attacks by the Germans in this sector.

"On the Vaucelle Plateau and southwest of Courcy we carried several trenches with grenades. East of Lohre a well-conducted operation enabled us to gain ground and take 250 prisoners.

"In the Champagne the night was marked by violent reactions of the enemy. Very strong counter-attacks, preceded by bombardments, were launched by the Germans in the region of Moronvilliers. Our curtain of fire and our machine guns completely negated these efforts, which cost the enemy very heavy losses.

A score of prisoners remained in our hands.

On April 15 ten German airplanes and two captive balloons were brought down by French pilots in aerial engagements.

HOW THE FRENCH GAIN IN "BATTLE OF SNOWS" ALONG THE ENTIRE LINE

Trenches and Dugouts Everywhere Found Filled With German Dead.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, April 20.—It is the Battle of the Snows that is raging on forty twisting miles to-day on the French offensive front. French artillery fire turns the carpet of snow into oozy mud and red-spattered patterns through which Gen. Nivelle's men were advancing—always advancing.

On one nameless hill southwest of Moronvilliers trenches, dugouts, shelters everywhere were filled with German dead. Dazed Germans were being hauled from dugouts where they had hidden, burrowed deep in the piles of their own dead. Farther back French troops were cleaning the horrors of the ground taken by the first forward movement.

Beyond the nameless hill the new French and German lines were visible. Between them was an abandoned German battery, stark and bare on the snow. Here was seen one of those marvelous bits of French strategy executed.

The French established lines to the rear from this abandoned battery. They were put there to entice the enemy to seek a recapture of the abandoned guns. The ruse was successful. Out the Germans dashed. Their horses were hurriedly hitched to the abandoned guns. Then the French machine guns opened fire. Horns—men—except thirty Germans, were wiped out in a twinkling.

Gen. Nivelle is not seeking to pierce the German line at a given point. Instead he proposes an advance along the entire front by steady stages. It is not like the warfare of the Somme campaign. How well it is working out is evidenced by the fact that the French have advanced more now in this new style of attack than at any time since the Battle of the Marne.

ALL GERMAN TROOPS NOW ON SIEGFRIED LINE, WAR OFFICE REPORTS

Positions on River Aisne Between Conde and Soupir Have Been Abandoned.

BERLIN, April 20 (via London).—"The occupation of Siegfried positions which have been under construction since the official statement issued to-day by the German Army Headquarters, began on March 16 and ended yesterday by the abandonment of the bank of the River Aisne between Conde and Soupir. The enemy follows hesitatingly.

"On the Arras battlefield the firing increased daily. Near St. Quentin it varied. The double battle on the Aisne and in the Champagne continues its normal course.

"A second French attempt to break through in the Champagne has been frustrated.

"Up to the present the French have used on both battlefields more than thirty divisions which had been carefully reformed after the battle of the Somme."

ITEMS FOR INVESTORS.

Republic Iron and Steel Company—Nine months ended March 31: Gross revenue, \$21,578,135; increase, \$1,271,710; total income, \$1,801,751; decrease, \$121,627. Surplus, \$2,575,999; decrease, \$609,238.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company—Nine months ended March 31: Gross revenue, \$21,578,135; increase, \$1,271,710; total income, \$1,801,751; decrease, \$121,627. Surplus, \$2,575,999; decrease, \$609,238.

Escaped Hysteria Recaptured. MOUNT HOLLY, N. J., April 20.—Giovanni Irazo, alias Joseph Rocco, convicted murderer of Henry J. Rider, brother of A. J. Rider, New Jersey crumbler, escaped from the jail here early to-day and was captured a few hours later near Burlington. Irazo cut his way through a brick wall to liberty.

Prince Boris Goes Back Home. AMSTERDAM, April 20.—A Berlin dispatch says that it is officially announced that Prince Boris of Bulgaria has returned home after a visit of several days with the German Emperor.

CAPITAL PREPARED TO GREET BRITISH WAR COMMISSION

Rare Signs of Patriotism Are Manifested by American Business Men.

By Samuel M. Williams.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—While all information concerning travel movements of the British Commission is strictly suppressed by both American and British Governments, in order to protect them from possible dangers, there is every indication in Washington to-day of their early arrival. As soon as the party reaches the capital the ban of secrecy will be raised and as guests of the United States they will be the centre of public interest.

Elaborate arrangements for social entertainment and official attention have been made. The first few days of their stay in Washington will be busy times for Mr. Balfour and his associates. Formal presentations, exchange of courtesies and state dinners will take up the time while waiting for arrival of the French Commission. Meanwhile preliminaries of the important business in hand will be made. It will be the middle of next week before this conference of great nations making world history gets down to real work.

It is a disappointment to the President that a technical difference between the Senate and the House of Representatives has compelled final agreement in Congress on the war bond issue to be postponed until next week. The Administration hoped to have the great loan of three billions ready as a hospitable greeting to our European associates in the war against Germany. The only question at issue relates to deposit of Government funds in certain classes of financial institutions outside the Federal Reserve banking system. This will be ironed out in a few days.

From all parts of the country offers of services of material assistance to the Government are coming to the nation's leading men. A wonderful spirit of unselfish loyalty is bringing to Washington swarms of millionaires, captains of industry and master executives, eager and anxious to do something.

Those who have obtained some post in which they can render service are happy, and those who have not yet found opportunity of contributing are complaining.

One of California's prominent men has come to Washington as a volunteer to relieve Secretary Lane of some of his manifold duties in the Interior Department. A coal magnate from the Middle West is working in the Navy Department organizing the coal supply for ships.

The best expert on munitions from J. P. Morgan's office, trained in purchases for the Allies, is serving the National Council of Defense in gathering America's supplies.

Another man, known as the king of light and traction interests, is unhappy because he cannot find a place for his great ability.

A remarkable offer by the Standard Oil Company has become known. Question having arisen whether the Government could be assured of adequate supply of oil, an emissary called on A. C. Bedford, President of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, to make inquiries. Mr. Bedford is quoted as replying:

"There are just three conditions involved. How much, when and where does the Government want its oil. Let us know that and we will attend to the rest."

As to price, the company is understood to have left that to the Government to determine.

In times past there has been little friendly feeling between Wall Street banking interests and the Treasury. A remarkable change in attitude has developed during the past week. Leading financiers are now eager and anxious for opportunity to do something to help in successful flotation of the seven billion bond issue and steady the money markets.

Conferences are being held to-day to work out practical plans to prepare the financial world for the forthcoming.

"Enlargement of the co-operative demonstration forces of the Government and the States.

"Guarding against preventable wastes in the home.

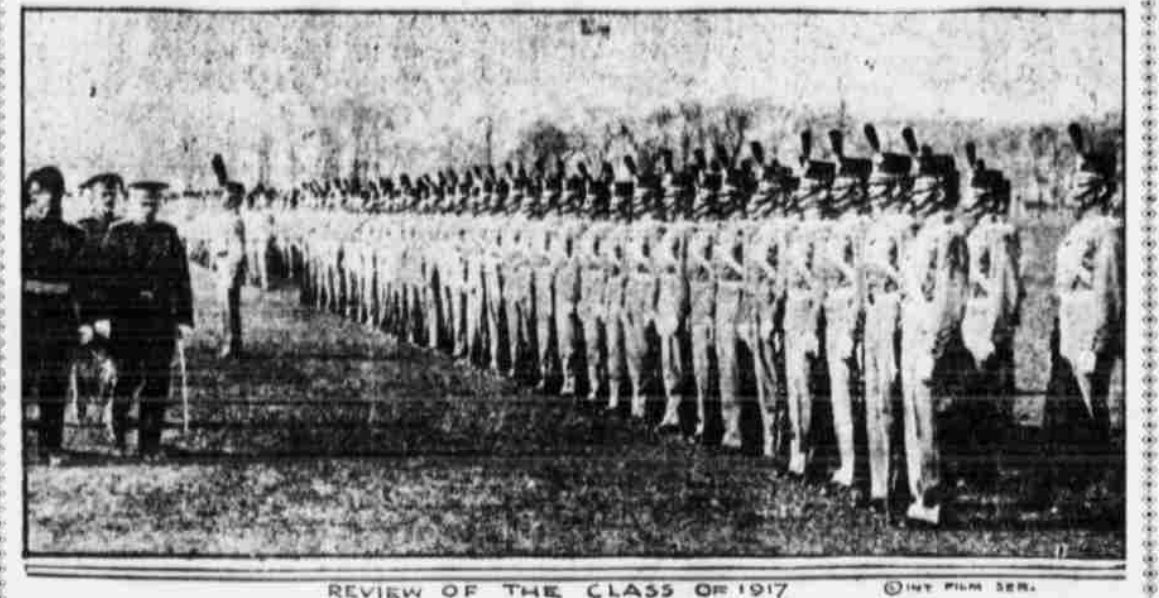
"Prompt enlargement of the forces to aid farmers in combatting destructive pests.

"Safeguarding of seeds for the 1918 planting.

"Enlargement of the forces to encourage preservation of perishable products on the farms by canning and preserving."

Coincidentally with the Agriculture Department's action the Federal Trade Commission announced it plans shortly to institute its nation wide food price investigation. Bills authorizing this inquiry have passed House and Senate. The former body, however, appropriated \$400,000 for the work, and the Senate \$250,000. The bill is now in conference, with probability of a compromise soon.

First Class of Cadets at West Point Lined Up for Final Review Before Their Graduation To-Day



REVIEW OF THE CLASS OF 1917. (Only film seen.)

The entire first class of West Point Cadets, numbering 139 men, is graduated to-day. The members probably will receive commissions as first lieutenants. The class is shown here lined up for its final review at the United States Military Academy.

coming demands of the Government for huge sums of money.

The British official party to the War Council, as announced at the British Embassy, is constituted as follows:

Arthur James Balfour, Foreign Minister; Sir Eric Drummond, Ian Malcolm, M. P.; C. F. Dormer and C. Butler, personal staff; Rear Admiral Sir Dudley R. S. De Chair, Fleet Paymaster Vincent Lawford, Major Gen. Bridges, Capt. H. H. Spender-Clay and Lord Cunliffe, Governor of the Bank of England.

In addition there will be the following officials:

War Office—Col. Goodwin, Col. Langhorne, Major L. W. D. Ross, V. C., Royal Flying Corps; Major C. E. Dansey.

Blockade Department experts—Lord Eustace Percy and A. A. Paton of the Foreign Office, F. P. Robinson of the Board of Trade, S. McKenna of the War Trade Intelligence Department, M. E. Peterson of the Foreign Trade Department, Foreign Office.

Wheat Commission—A. A. Anderson, Chairman; Mr. Vigor.

Munitions—W. T. Layton, Director of Requirements and Statistics Branch, Secretariat of the Ministry of Munitions; C. T. Phillips, American and Transport Department, Ministry of Munitions; Capt. Leeming, Mr. Amos.

Ordnance and Lines of Communication—Col. Heron.

Supplies and Transports—Major Puckle.

Upon arrival Mr. Balfour will be met by the Secretary of State, the Assistant Secretary of State and other officials of the department, and escorted to his Washington residence—the home of Brockbridge Long, on Sixteenth Street, which the Government has taken for this purpose—by detachments of cavalry, and will be accompanied there by the Secretary of State.

U. S. FOOD PRICE FIXING AND CONTROL OF SUPPLIES ASKED

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some form, and to fix maximum or minimum prices. The Government should have full discretion in the matter.

"Approximately \$25,000,000 will be required to carry out the plans outlined herein and it is suggested that immediate action be taken to give the department the requisite authority and to make available the necessary funds."

Secretary Houston informed the Senate that the department had arranged to keep in touch with local agencies and the great agricultural organizations in the course of its work, which for the purpose of stimulating production and encouraging conservation, would take form along these lines:

"Enlargement of the co-operative demonstration forces of the Government and the States.

REPORTED SINKING OF ANOTHER SHIP ENRAGES BRAZIL

Steamer Belem Said to Have Been Sent to Bottom in Mediterranean.

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 20.—Report that the Brazilian steamer Belem had been torpedoed by a German submarine in the Mediterranean aroused further excitement here to-day.

Announcement that German Minister Paoli, who has already been handed his passports and had previously arranged to depart home on board the steamer Rio de Janeiro, had now changed his mind and would journey to Chile was interpreted here as Germany's decision to continue her South American propaganda work. The Chilean Government had been expected to support Brazil against Germany, but the note yesterday, on the contrary, indicated lack of sympathy with Brazil.

The Brazilian Federation of Labor to-day notified the Government that its workers will not fight in the event of war, adding that the Government "had better employ the many idle workmen than to engage in hostilities."

The steamer Belem is registered in Lloyd's as a steel screw vessel of 1,032 tons, owned by the Amazon Navigation Company of Para, Brazil.

Darcy Will Enlist in U. S. Army if Allowed to Fight in Rhine.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 20.—Les Darcy, the Australian pugilist, whom American authorities have barred from engaging in fights in various parts of

the country, on the ground that he was a "slacker," today agreed to enlist under the American colors if permission is given him by the military authorities to engage in several fights he has booked for next June and July.

SUFFRAGE AS WAR MEASURE

Mrs. Catt and Other Leaders Wage It Before Senate Committee.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The Federal Woman Suffrage Constitutional amendment as a war measure was urged to-day before the Senate Suffrage Committee by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, President of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, and other leaders of the movement.

Mrs. Catt argued that the defeat of suffrage in several States in recent elections was "directly traceable to foreign votes derived by unscrupulous native-born."

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LEWIS—BIRD.—On Thursday, April 19, 1917, at St. Bartholomew's Chapel, New York City, by the Rev. William B. Lusk of Rutherford, Conn., CLAUDE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver W. Bird of Hempstead, L. I., to REYNOLD MINTURN LEWIS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Elliott Lewis of New York City.

DIED.

BERNIE.—On Thursday morning, April 19, 1917, at his home, 485 Clinton av., Brooklyn, WILLIAM BERNIE, aged 66. Funeral services at his late residence Saturday, April 21, at 8 P. M. Kindly omit flowers.

CUNIFF.—April 19, Rev. PETER CUNIFF, C. S. S. R., aged seventy-three years. Funeral Saturday, April 21, at 10 A. M., from St. Alphonsus Church, West Broadway, N. Y. City.

DOUGHERTY.—On April 20, AUGUSTUS THOMAS DOUGHERTY, beloved husband of Emma Kearney Dougherty, died at his residence, 348 Central Park West, on Sunday, April 22, at 8 P. M.

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Designed to demonstrate by actual merchandise rather than exaggerated newspaper claims that the vast Georges organization—specializing exclusively on the production and distribution of Georges model clothes for Men and Young Men—CAN and DOES deliver more clothing value at \$15 than any other New York establishment regardless of location or facilities.

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Every garment produced in our own Custom Shops—duplicating Fifth Avenue's newest style ideas—and thus eliminating such costly items as national advertising, wholesale selling expenses and manufacturer's profits. The fabrics included were bought before the terrific woolen advances—and equal any \$25, \$22.50 and \$20 clothes produced under present market conditions.

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SUNDAY WORLD WANTS WORK MONDAY WONDERS

The Japanese Way to Remove Corns Don't Hurt a Bit—Easy and Simple

The Magic Touch of Ice-Mint Does It. Just a Touch Stops Soreness, Then the Corn or Callous Shrivels and Lifts Off. Try It. Your Feet Will Feel Cool and Fine.

Just a touch of Ice-Mint and "Oh!" what relief. Corns and callouses vanish, soreness disappears, and you can dance all night or walk all day and your corns won't hurt a bit. No matter how long you have tried, or how many times you have been disappointed, here is a real help for you at last. From the very best of Ice-Mint touches that cure, tender corns, your poor, tired, aching feet will feel so cool, easy and comfortable that you will feel just as if you had just stepped out of a hot oven. Think of it, just a little touch of this delightful cooling Ice-Mint and real foot joy is yours. No matter how old or tough

your pet corn is, he will shrivel right up and you can pick him out after a few touches of Ice-Mint. No pain, not a bit of soreness, either when applying it or afterward, and it doesn't even irritate the skin.

Ice-Mint is the real Japanese secret of the healthy, little feet. Prevents foot odors, and keeps them cool, sweet and comfortable. It is now selling like wildfire here.

Just ask in any drug store for a little Ice-Mint, and give your poor, aching feet the relief of this wonderful, cooling Ice-Mint. Just as good—Adv.

CHICAGO WHEAT AND CORN MARKET.

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5C Price Reductions on All Milk Chocolate Sweets in Pound Boxes

These two days, April 20th and 21st, have been set aside to celebrate the inception, perfection and success of LOFT Famous PREMIUM MILK CHOCOLATE, from which nearly all the finest Candy Specialties are made. This famous product represents the combined efforts of several generations of both American and European Master Candy Makers. To-day it stands positively without a rival in the Milk Chocolate World. Its distinctive flavor, rich fragrance and extreme deliciousness cannot be identified or imitated in any other product of its kind. It is supreme. We first introduced LOFT Milk Chocolate as a covering for Marshmallow Cherries. Its success was instantaneous, and was immediately followed by the introduction of various other Fresh Fruits in Milk Chocolate Coverings. To-day we have a wonderfully large line of Milk Chocolate Specialties. ANY ARTICLE IN THE ENTIRE LINE WILL BE SOLD TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW AT 5c UNDER REGULAR SELLING PRICES. Come and help us make these two days the biggest days in Candy History.

MILK CHOCOLATE ASSORTED FRESH FRUITS—The choicest fresh fruit in their fullest perfection, complete with their natural coloring, including Grapes, Tangerines, Bananas and cherries, first changed in delicious Fondant cream and blanketed with our rich, luscious Premium Milk Chocolate. Our reg. 44c goods. SPECIAL MILK CHOCOLATE DAY PRICE, POUND BOX **39c**

MILK CHOCOLATE MARASCHINO CHERRIES—The real French cherries, ripe, red and luscious, with all their sweet juicy taste, are first plunged in rich Cream Fondant and enveloped in our celebrated Premium Milk Chocolate. Our reg. 44c goods. SPECIAL MILK CHOCOLATE DAY PRICE, POUND BOX **39c**

MILK CHOCOLATE COVERED FRESH FRUITS—The choicest fresh fruit in their fullest perfection, complete with their natural coloring, including Grapes, Tangerines, Bananas and cherries, first changed in delicious Fondant cream and blanketed with our rich, luscious Premium Milk Chocolate. Our reg. 44c goods. SPECIAL MILK CHOCOLATE DAY PRICE, POUND BOX **44c**

MILK CHOCOLATE COVERED PLANTATIONS—The centre is old-fashioned Marshmallow Cherries, covered with our world famous Premium Milk Chocolate. Our reg. 44c goods. SPECIAL MILK CHOCOLATE DAY PRICE, POUND BOX **39c**

MILK CHOCOLATE MARSHMALLOWS—A big, honey-sweet Marshmallow, covered in a thick coat of our famous Premium Milk Chocolate. Our reg. 44c goods. SPECIAL MILK CHOCOLATE DAY PRICE, POUND BOX **39c**

MILK CHOCOLATE COGNAC ROYALS—A big, honey-sweet Marshmallow, covered in a thick coat of our famous Premium Milk Chocolate. Our reg. 44c goods. SPECIAL MILK CHOCOLATE DAY PRICE, POUND BOX **39c**

MILK CHOCOLATE FRESH PINEAPPLES—This fruit in its most luscious perfection cut into dainty portions, plunged in Cream and jacketed in Premium Milk Chocolate. Our reg. 44c goods. SPECIAL MILK CHOCOLATE DAY PRICE, POUND BOX **39c**

MILK CHOCOLATE CARAMELS—Honey-sweet Marshmallows, covered in a thick coat of our famous Premium Milk Chocolate. Our reg. 44c goods. SPECIAL MILK CHOCOLATE DAY PRICE, POUND BOX **39c**

Special for Saturday, April 21st

These are some of the many other delicious specialties available at our stores. All prices include the cost of the container.

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206 BROADWAY, Closes 11 p.m. Sat. 10 p.m.

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The specified weight includes the container.

Special for Friday, April 20th

HOME-MADE CHOCOLATE FUDGE—We received our supply of this delicious fudge, and are now offering it at a special price. When these toothsome morsels are dissolving sweetly in your mouth, you'll agree that we have really won the laurels.

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